

Remarks/Arguments:

This paper is submitted responsive to the Office Action mailed August 6, 2007. Reconsideration of the application in light of the accompanying remarks and amendments is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-23 were rejected. By the present amendment, claim 1 is amended to include the subject matter of claims 3 and 6, which have been canceled without prejudice. No new claims are added. Support for the claim amendments may at least be found in claims 3 and 6 as originally filed, and also from publication WO 00/11426, which is incorporated by reference at page 5, lines 14-15 of the instant specification. No new matter is presented.

Claims 1-8, 10, 11 and 16-22 were rejected as anticipated by US 6,018,954 to Assaf.

Claim 1 as amended calls for the evaporative media to have a Reynolds air flow number of less than 2,000. As set forth above, this subject matter is taken from incorporated PCT WO 00/11426, and such a Reynolds air flow number is not at all disclosed or suggested by the teachings of Assaf '954.

Claim 1 is therefore believed to be allowable over the art of record.

Another patentable feature of the present invention is that which is called for in dependent claims and also in new independent claim 24. According to this embodiment, brine is drawn from the reservoir of one of the heat exchangers and directed to the liquid outlet of the other of the heat exchangers. This is as illustrated in Figures 1 and 2 of the application, and such a flow configuration is not at all disclosed or suggested by Assaf '954 or any other art of record. Thus, it is also believed that new claim 24 is allowable over all art of record, and certain dependent claims are also separately and independently allowable over the art of record.

Inasmuch as independent claims 1 and 24 are submitted to be allowable as set forth above, and that all other claims depend directly or indirectly from claim 1, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance.

An earnest and thorough effort has been made to address all issues raised in the Office Action and to place the application in

condition for allowance. If, upon considering this response, the Examiner is of the opinion that issues remain which could be addressed by telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to discuss and resolve same.

This paper is accompanied by authorization to charge a deposit account for fee for one extra claim in excess of 20, and for a one month extension of time. It is believed that no other fee is due. If any such fee is due, please charge same to Deposit Account 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

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